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SUBJECT: BORDER NEGOTIATIONS

1. ASKED ABOUT PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT OF GULF OF VENEZUELA DISPUTE IN CONTEXT OF VISIT OF COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VASQUEZ, PRESIDENT CALDERA TOLD PRESS AUGUST 16 HE STANDS BY STATEMENTS ON SUBJECT ALREADY MADE BY VASQUEZ AND PRESIDENT PASTRANA. HE SAID FURTHER COMMENT COULD DAMAGE ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS, STATED THAT BOTH COUNTRIES SHOULD HAVE FAITH THEIR PRESIDENTS WILL NOT AGREE TO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD DISCREDIT RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES' RIGHTS, AND NOTED THAT VASQUEZ VISIT GIVES EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EXPLORING BEST SOLUTIONS. CALDERA CONCLUDED, "WITHIN THIS ATMOSPHERE OF SINCERE CORDIALITY WHICH EXISTS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD NOT ONLY REMAIN, BUT GROW MORE, OPTIMISTIC."

2. MEANWHILE ON RELATED TOPIC, ARUBA DEPUTY GILBERTO F. CROES OF MEP, IN CARACAS FOR VISIT, PUBLICLY CALLED ON VENEZUELA AND ARUBA TO SETTLE SUBMARINE FRONTIER ISSUE ON BASIS OF 1942 AGREEMENT BETWEEN VENEZUELA AND UK ACTING FOR TRINIDAD  
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AND TOBAGO. NOTING THAT 28 KILOMETERS OF WATER SEPARATE THE

TWO SIDES, HE SAID FRONTIER SHOULD BE LINE EQUIDISTANT  
FROM THE TWO COASTS.  
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